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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

RICHARD J. MARKLE ET AL.

Serial No.: 09/897,573

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
DETERMINING GRID DIMENSIONS
USING SCATTEROMETRY

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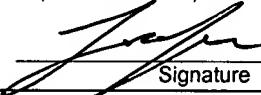
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JANUARY 29, 2007

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Sir:

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If an extension of time is required to enable this paper to be timely filed and since there is no separate Petition for Extension of Time, this paper is to be construed as also constituting a Petition for Extension of Time under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) for a period sufficient to enable this document to be timely filed.

No fee is due as a result of this response. However, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct said fees from Williams, Morgan & Amerson, P.C.'s Deposit Account No. 50-0786/2000.089400.